

1      **CLAIMS**

2      *Sub A* 1. One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a  
3      computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one  
4      or more processors to perform functions including:

5              collecting, at a client computer, registration information using one or more  
6      registration wizards;

7              establishing a communication link between the client computer and a  
8      network;

9              establishing a first connection, via the communication link, to a first  
10     registration server of a plurality of registration servers;

11              communicating at least a first portion of the registration information to the  
12     first registration server via the first connection;

13              establishing a second connection, via the communication link, to a second  
14     registration server of the plurality of registration servers; and

15              communicating at least a second portion of the registration information to  
16     the second registration server via the second connection.

17      2. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
18      the program further causes the one or more processors to perform functions  
19      including:

20              establishing additional connections to additional registration servers of the  
21     plurality of registration servers via the communication link; and

22              communicating additional portions of the registration information to the  
23     additional registration servers.

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2       3. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
3 the first portion and the second portion share at least some common information.

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5       4. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
6 the first portion and the second portion are identical.

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8       5. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
9 the registration information includes one or more of user demographic information  
10 and client computer information.

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12       6. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
13 the one or more registration wizards correspond to one or more software  
14 applications or hardware components.

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16       7. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 1, wherein  
17 the establishing the first connection comprises establishing a first hypertext  
18 transfer protocol (HTTP) connection, and wherein the establishing the second  
19 connection comprises establishing a second hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP)  
20 connection.

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22       8. A method comprising:  
23            collecting, at a client computer, registration information using a registration  
24            wizard;

1 establishing a communication link between the client computer and a  
2 network;

3 establishing a plurality of connections, via the communication link,  
4 between the client computer and a plurality of registration databases; and

5 communicating, for each of the plurality of connections, at least a portion  
6 of the registration information to one of the plurality of registration databases.

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8 9. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the communicating  
9 comprises communicating, for each of the plurality of connections, a different  
10 portion of the registration information to the one of the plurality of registration  
11 databases.

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13 10. A method as recited in claim 9, wherein the different portions share  
14 at least some common information.

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16 11. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the registration information  
17 includes one or more of user demographic information and client computer  
18 information.

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20 12. A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the collecting comprises  
21 collecting the registration information for a plurality of software applications and  
22 hardware components.

1           13. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer  
2 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim  
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5           14. A method comprising:  
6           collecting, at a client computer, registration information for a plurality of  
7 registering components using a single registration wizard;  
8           establishing a plurality of connections between the client computer and a  
9 plurality of registration databases corresponding to the plurality of registering  
10 components; and  
11           transferring at least a portion of the registration information to each of the  
12 plurality of registration databases via the plurality of connections.

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14           15. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the plurality of registering  
15 components includes a software component and a hardware component.

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17           16. A method as recited in claim 15, wherein the hardware component  
18 comprises the client computer.

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20           17. A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the plurality of registering  
21 components correspond on a one to one basis with the plurality of registration  
22 databases.

1           **18.** A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the establishing a plurality  
2 of connections comprises:

3                 establishing a communication link between the client computer and a  
4 network; and

5                 subsequently establishing connections between the client computer and  
6 each of the plurality of registration databases via the communication link.

7           **19.** A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the establishing a plurality  
8 of connections comprises:

9                 establishing, using a first dial-up number, a first communication link to a  
10 first of the plurality of registration databases; and

11                 upon terminating the first communication link, establishing, using a second  
12 dial-up number, a second communication link to a second of the plurality of  
13 registration databases.

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15           **20.** A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the transferring comprises  
16 transferring different portions of the registration information to different ones of  
17 the plurality of registration databases.

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20           **21.** A method as recited in claim 14, wherein the registration  
21 information includes one or more of user demographic information and client  
22 computer information.

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1           **22.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer  
2 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim  
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5           **23.** A system comprising:  
6            a registration wizard to collect registration information for a plurality of  
7 manufacturers; and  
8            one or more posting modules, coupled to the registration wizard, to,

9                    establish a plurality of connections between the client computer and  
10                    a plurality of registration databases corresponding to the plurality of  
11                    manufacturers, and

12                    transfer at least a portion of the registration information to each of  
13                    the plurality of registration databases via the plurality of connections.

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15           **24.** A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the plurality of  
16 manufacturers include one or more of software application designers, hardware  
17 component manufacturers, and the system manufacturer.

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19           **25.** A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the plurality of  
20 manufacturers correspond on a one to one basis with the plurality of registration  
21 databases.

1           **26.** A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the one or more posting  
2 modules are further to transfer different portions of the registration information to  
3 different ones of the plurality of registration databases.

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5           **27.** A system as recited in claim 23, wherein the registration information  
6 includes one or more of user demographic information and client computer  
7 information.

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9           **28.** A system comprising:  
10           a plurality of server computers coupled to a network, each being coupled to  
11           at least one of a plurality of registration databases to store registration information  
12           received by the server computer; and

13           a client computer, coupled to the network, to collect registration  
14           information for a plurality of manufacturers using a single user interface and to  
15           upload portions of the registration information to registration databases of the  
16           plurality of registration databases via a single communication link.

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18           **29.** An apparatus comprising:  
19           a bus;  
20           a processor coupled to the bus;  
21           a network connection device coupled to the bus; and  
22           a memory, coupled to the bus, to store a plurality of instructions that are  
23           executed by the processor, wherein the plurality of instructions, when executed,  
24           cause the processor to,  
25           collect registration information,

1                   initiate, using the network connection device, a communication link  
2                   to a network,

3                   establish, via the communication link, a plurality of connections  
4                   between the apparatus and a plurality of registration databases, and

5                   communicate, for each of the plurality of connections, at least a  
6                   portion of the registration information to one of the plurality of registration  
7                   databases.

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9                   **30.** An apparatus as recited in claim 29, wherein the plurality of  
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11                  information further cause the processor to collect one or more of user demographic  
12                  information and client computer information.

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